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CONCERNING WILSON AND PAT- RONAGE.

The administration of President Wil-
son starts out under especially auspicious
circumstances. By good fortune
both the Houses of Congress are Demo-
cratic, and both are friendly to his
ideas of progress, and agreeable to his
plans of procedure. The retiring party
has left many things undone that
it should have done, and it has done
many things that it should have left
undone. It has left the incoming ad-
ministration an abundance of oppor-
tunities to perform services of real
value to the people—the people who
have placed it in power, and who look
to it to steer clear of the dissension
that would lead it to an early defeat—
to a defeat so early that it might not
have time to carry to their logical end
many reforms for the benefit of the
country which will present themselves
from time to time during the four
years it now looks like the Democratic
party is certain to hold the balance of
power. It behooves the party leaders
to see to it that no grounds are per-
mitted to exist that will lead to dis-
sension within the ranks.

The Democrats of the South, asking
nothing for themselves at the hands of
the National Democratic party, desire
to go on record as asking for the mem-
bers of the National party all the ap-
pointments that the President has to
make. There are two reasons for this
position. The first is that our party
members are, by right of service per-
formed, entitled to them. The second
is that if members of opposite polit-
ical parties are appointed to positions
under a democratic administration, it
is a known injection of contrary ideas
into the policy laid down in the party's
declaration of principles.

It is our understanding of democratic
principles—and by our understand-
ing is our party affiliation governed—
that democratic government is the
government of the people. The people
have placed the government of the
country in the hands of the democratic
party, and for any man or set of men
to hand any part of it to a republican
is a violation of a trust that ought not
to be defended.

The common people of the country
feel very kindly toward the present ad-
ministration. They wish it well. They
want to endorse its action, and they
will no doubt practice charity in judg-
ing any of the performances which
they may not be able to exactly under-
stand.

But the appointment of republicans
to office is a phase of administration
that does not tend to the furtherance
of party harmony of future party suc-
cess.

For these reasons we desire to pro-
test against the appointment of Dr.
Chas. P. Neill, as Labor Commissioner
of the United States. We are quite
sure there is some available democrat
capable and willing to handle this of-
fice, and who should by every rule of
reason, have had the appointment in
preference to Dr. Neill. There is no
good reason in the wide world why
Mr. Wilson, a democratic president,
should insult members of his own party
by retaining in the responsible po-
sition of Labor Commissioner the cre-
ature of a republican administration;
when thousands of capable and deserv-
ing democrats throughout the country
whose loyal service made victory in
the late campaign possible, are left
out in the cold. Senator Overman
exactly right in opposing the con-
firmation of Dr. Neill and we hope he
will succeed in defeating him.

Governor Craig "has done the hand-
some" by naming Editor H. B. Varner,
of the Lexington Dispatch and South-
ern Good Roads, as chairman of
State's prison directors. Mr. Varner
is a capable business man and puts
energy and ability behind whatever he
undertakes. He adheres strongly to
the belief that State convicts ought to
be building roads instead of raising
peanuts and we have a sneaking no-
tion that he'll put them at it if the
slightest opportunity presents itself.

THE WATKINS PARDON.

Governor Craig recently pardoned F.
C. Watkins, the Black Mountain police-
man whom he defended in the Bun-
combe criminal court for shooting John
Hill Bunting, a prominent traveling
man and Paul Collins, a Hillsboro bank
er, three years ago. In outlining rea-
sons for his conclusion to release the
prisoner Governor Craig reviews the
testimony in detail, declaring that the
victims had been terrorizing guests of
the hotel and persisted in their conduct
despite the entreaties of the manager
and others who plead with them to de-
sist from such a course; that Police-
man Watkins was called after midnight
to quell the disturbance, was attacked
by the men in the dark, and shot them
in self defense.

The Governor says he defended Wat-
kins, fully believing him guiltless un-
der the law, and that he ought never
to have been convicted. He contends
that the prisoner did not have a fair
and impartial trial, at least one juror,
who tried the case having previously
expressed the opinion that Watkins
was guilty of murder. Judge Webb
had offered to limit the sentence to
twelve months, suggests the Governor,
if prisoner would accept that as final,
but Watkins still proclaimed his in-
nocence and declined the proposition,
whereupon the judge decreed that he
should serve a term of eighteen months
on the roads. He has served eight
months of the twelve first contemplat-
ed by Judge Webb, will have to pay
costs aggregating eight hundred dol-
lars, and Governor Craig believes this
sufficient to expiate the offense for
which he stands convicted. In this
conclusion the Governor is supported
by nine hundred citizens of Buncombe
county, including Solicitor Reynolds,
nearly every city and county official
and other leading men.

There has been some criticism of
the Governor for extending executive
clemency to a former client; that hav-
ing been chief counsel for Watkins, he
would have done well to refer the case
to the Council of State, as Governor
Glen did in a noted case, in which he
had appeared for the prosecution. Gov-
ernor Craig might have prevented
criticism of himself by referring this
case to the Council of State, but he
did not elect to take that course and
aced his duty without flinching. No
one was better qualified to pass upon
the Watkins application than the Gov-
ernor himself and he is to be commend-
ed rather than censured for exhibiting
the courage of his convictions. He
doubtless expected to be criticised, but
preferred taking the responsibility up-
on his own shoulders to shifting it up-
on others. Watkins may have been a
little hasty and perchance, deserved
some punishment. But Governor Craig
is convinced that he fired in self-de-
fense and liberates him on that
ground.

This paper congratulates Senator
Simmons upon his elevation to the
chairmanship of the great Finance
committee of the greatest legislative
body in the world. It is an honor
most worthily bestowed and brings to
him the opportunity of a lifetime for
distinct service to his state and the
country. The election of Senator Sim-
mons as chairman of the Senate Fi-
nance Committee confirms the last pro-
phesy made by his friends during the
recent campaign and they feel very
happy over it. Great victory. In this
position the duty of assisting in the
preparation of all tariff laws present-
ed to congress will devolve upon the
senior Tar Heel Senator. And he will
measure up to the requirement, all
right. No trouble about that at all.

Postmaster General Burleson says
he proposes to place fourth class post-
masters on a strictly civil service
basis, thereby indicating his sympathy
with the order promulgated by Presi-
dent Taft last fall including some 35,
000 of these officials in the classified
list. We believe in efficiency and trust
our conception of public fitness is a
correct one. For time immemorial the
prevailing custom has been to change
postmasters of every class with each
change of administration and the
progress of the country has in nowise
been retarded thereby. The republic-
ans lost last year and by every rule of
reason known to political ethics they
ought to be invited to step down and
out now.

Senators Simmons and Overman
have signed a statement denying the
story that they had formed a combine
with Senators from other Southern
States, whose interests are similar to
those of North Carolina, with a view
to taking care of their respective states
in the construction of the new tariff bill.
The suggestion was made some days
ago in the Washington correspondence
of the Charlotte Observer which inti-
mated further that such combinations
were being made by Western members.
The Tar Heel Senators declare there is
no foundation for the report and that
they have no knowledge of such inten-
tion upon the part of any Senators.
That's all right and we are glad to
hear that all interests are to have a
square deal.

A BOOK YOU SHOULD GET AT ONCE

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Already the names of prospective
candidates for governor three years
hence are being discussed. The fellow
who encourages that kind of talk be-
fore Governor Craig has had time to
warm the seat in the executive office
deserves defeat. The people desire to
eschew politics and talk North Caroli-
na awhile.

"Judge Cameron Morrison" would
sound mighty good to the editor of this
paper and thousands of other citizens
all over North Carolina. In offering
Mr. Morrison the judgeship of the new
Mecklenburg district Governor Craig
recognized merit, ability and fitness.
And with his other qualifications
"Cam" Morrison is a prince of clever
gentlemen. But he declines the honor.

We congratulate the State on the
prospects of ex-judge Thomas J.
Shaw returning to the bench. He is
one of the four new judges designated
by Governor Craig and has accepted
the tender. Evil doers will again
"take to the tall timbers."

Kedron Lodge, No. 357, A. F. & A. M.
Hendersonville, N. C., Mar 3, 1913.
Whereas, the Supreme Architect of
the Universe, our Grand Master has in
His Wisdom removed from this earth,
our most worthy brother and Past Mas-
ter, J. C. Wardrop.

And whereas, we recognize in him,
in his life among us as a brother, for
more than thirty years, one whose in-
flexible fidelity to his obligations to the
Lodge, his duties to his brethren and to
all man-kind, an example in all things
worthy of imitation to an unusual de-
gree; And whereas, he has shown
himself to be a dutiful, affectionate and
regardful husband and father of more
reputable family.

Therefore, resolved, that we bow in
humble submission to the act of One
who doeth all things well, with expres-
sions of the deepest sorrow and that
we mourn with his family.

Resolved further, that we tender to
his family our most sincere sympathy,
and our every assistance and commend
to them his noble and wise precepts
and examples as most worthy of obedi-
ence and emulations.

Resolved further, that these resolu-
tions be spread upon the minutes of
the Lodge and that a copy thereof be
certified and sent to the widow of our
deceased brother, and that copies be
sent to the local papers with request
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